



Education Standards and Practices Board

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MINUTES-March

Conference Call—1:00 PM

Thursday, March 14, 2002

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order by board chair, Amy Benz. Board members who were present for the conference call were Laura Carney, Chris Douthit, Doug Johnson, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness, Dan Vainonen and Kirk Welstad. Marianna Malm joined the conference call at 1:20; after the board case discussion had taken place. Deb Jensen, Diane Weber and Janet Welk were staff members who were present. Gary Gronberg from DPI, Linda Edwards from NDEA and Bill Peterson from the AG's Office were also present.

Randy Gordon was not available for the conference call.

Kirk made the motion to approve the February minutes. Second was made by Doug. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Laura Carney, Amy Benz, Chris Douthit, Doug Johnson, Jack Rasmussen, Kirk Welstad, Dan Vainonen and Bev Sandness.

The financial report was given by Diane. The February financial report showed revenue received of \$22,065.91, total expenses were \$25,015.40 with the net income reporting a minus of \$2,949.49. It was pointed out to the board that a \$10,000 transfer from checking was made into the money market account. Doug made a motion to accept the financial report. Second by Dan. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Chris Douthit, Doug Johnson, Marianna Malm, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness, Dan Vainonen and Kirk Welstad.

Board members were sent a copy of the audit report summary for the 2000 and 2001 year end. The audit was conducted by Roene Hulsing, CPA. The financial statements, in her opinion, reflects the financial position of ESPB as of June 30, 2001 and 2000, and the results of its operations and changes in fund balance for the year ended in conformity with accounting principles. The employees of ESPB have done a good job of implementing the suggestions from the prior audit. Internal control is strong, with asset control and recording duties segregated. A motion was made by Doug to approve the audit report as submitted. Second by Marianna. Motion carried. Board members who were in agreement were Kirk Welstad, Dan Vainonen, Bev Sandness, Jack Rasmussen, Marianna Malm, Doug Johnson, Chris Douthit, Laura Carney and Amy Benz.

Deb informed the board that the DPI is reallocating remaining Goals 2000 funds and a new request for proposals is out for activities to take place by September 30, 2002. Goals 2000 monies will be spent for a working conference on standards in August. The board agreed to support the proposal request for Goals 2000. Deb will contact Valley City Public Schools to see if they wish to continue to work together on the additional proposal.

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Additional discuss will be held in April regarding credentials and the process. Janet will have credential numbers and information available for the meeting.

Janet asked that the board approve the amended rules with the additions that Amy read at the public hearing on January 7th, 2002. A motion was made by Kirk to approved the amended rules. Second by Dan. Motion carried. Board members who were in agreement were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Chris Douthit, Doug Johnson, Marianna Malm, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness, Dan Vainonen and Kirk Welstad.

The board also agreed on the language change regarding "Code of Professional Conduct of Educators" 67.1-03-01-03. The Commitment of the Profession....13) *shall exhibit professional conduct in* safeguarding and maintaining the confidentiality of test materials and information. A motion was made by Marianna to accept the language change. Second by Doug. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kirk Welstad, Dan Vainonen, Bev Sandness, Jack Rasmussen, Marianna Malm, Doug Johnson, Chris Douthit and Amy Benz.

CASES

Delorme, Greg

Bill Peterson informed that board that Mr. Delorme has agreed to surrender his license.

Gatch, Ryan

A motion was made by Laura to issue an initial, two-year license. Second made by Jack. Motion carried. Board members in agreement were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Chris Douthit, Doug Johnson, Jack Rasmussen, Bev Sandness, Dan Vainonen and Kirk Welstad. Mr. Gatch's request for licensure was brought before the board because of his background check.

Keily, Michelle & Michael

Bill Peterson informed the board that he is waiting for the return their response to the settlement agreement. The Keily's will be placed on the agenda for April.

Kendal, James

Bill Peterson informed the board that no response to the compliant against Mr. Kendal has been filed. He will do so. Mr. Kendal will be placed on the agenda for April.

Mootz, Jeff

A motion was made by Jack to dismiss request for inquiry. Second by Doug. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Chris Douthit, Laura Carney, Amy Benz, Doug Johnson, Jack Rasmussen, Kirk Welstad, Dan Vainonen and Bev Sandness. A request for inquiry was filed against

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Mr. Mootz due to possible sexual harassment charges. Mr. Mootz was formerly employed at Hillsboro Public Schools as a vocational education instructor.

Smykowski, Raymond

A motion was made by Chris to issue a two-year, license renewal. Second by Jack. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kirk Welstad, Amy Benz, Dan Vainonen, Laura Carney, Bev Sandness, Chris Douthit, Jack Rasmussen and Doug Johnson. Mr. Smykowski's renewal request for licensure was brought before the board due to his one-year suspension in August, 1999, for contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Thompson, Arthur

Mr. Thompson has applied for a restricted Native American language license. His request for licensure was brought before the board because of his background check which revealed many alcohol related charges. The charges are old but because of the number of charges, the board would like to see a letter of support that Mr. Thompson is and has not been involved in alcohol related activities. Mr. Thompson's license request will be placed on the agenda for April.

Wolff, Harvey

Bill Peterson informed the board that no response to the complaint against Mr. Wolff has been filed. He will do so. Mr. Wolff will be placed on the agenda for April.

Worrel, Alan

Bill Peterson informed the board that no response to the complaint against Mr. Worrel has been filed. He will do so. Mr. Worrel will be placed on the agenda for April.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m. The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 11th. The board had discussion on the June retreat dates and site. The board retreat will be held on June 24 & June 25 at Twin Oaks Resort in Bottineau.

Chair
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Secretary/Executive Director